

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] Embodiments of the invention overcome one or more deficiencies in the known art by providing, among other things, a method and system for a sender of communications to comply with anti-spam rules, laws, and regulations. One embodiment of the invention effectively permits tracking [[a]] whether a preexisting business relationship exists between the sender and a potential recipient to determine if sending a communication to the potential recipient complies with the anti-spam rules, laws, and regulations. This embodiment of the invention advantageously allows maintaining a list of recipients with whom a time limit on preexisting business relationship approaches and then inducing a recipient on the list of recipients to renew the relationship. Embodiments of the invention further advantageously permit identifying a location of a potential recipient. According to one or more embodiments of the invention, the location of a potential recipient may be identified based on the postal address, Internet protocol (IP) address, telephone number, or domain name of the potential recipient. One or more other embodiments of the invention further advantageously allow a sender to comply with different anti-spam rules, laws, and regulations of different countries or states by identifying the location of a potential recipient. At least one embodiment of the invention also advantageously allows identifying if a potential recipient is included in a do-not-spam list to determine whether to send a communication to the potential recipient. Moreover, the features of embodiments of the present invention described herein are less laborious and easier to implement than currently available techniques as well as being economically feasible and commercially practical.